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REMOVABLE LABEL GUIDE

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Card 1  
# 757

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 8-4-54

Call letters

WLER-FM EFF: 7-20-78

XX WBUT-FM

STATION LOCATION: BUTLER, PENNA.

WBUT, Inc. (ALH 6-17-59 Eff: 6-22-59)

X J. PATRICK BEACON, tr/as WBUT RADIO (ALH-10-29-58 EFF: 12-2-58)

Name of licensee X J. PATRICK BEACON AND HAROLD W CRITCHLOW d/b/as WBUT RADIO GR:

7-11-57 (BALH-281)

EFF: 8-10-57

0.25 miles E of Township Rd., Off Palmer Rd., Center Twp, Pennsylvania  
(CP gr. 5-30-79)

1 mi. S. of  
x McQuiston Road, Butler, Pennsylvania (BLH-978 8-4-54)

x 1 mile S. of Butler County Court House

Transmitter location Butler, Pennsylvania

494 Sunset Drive, Butler, Pennsylvania (301-A 8-23-79)

X 0.25 miles E of Township Rd., Off Palmer Rd., Center Twp, Pennsylvania  
CP gr. 5-30-79

1 mi. S. of  
x McQuiston Road, Butler, Pennsylvania (BLH-978 8-4-54)

x 109 E. Diamond Street

Butler, Pennsylvania

Main studio location



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPH-1898	12-9-53 **	CP new FM Be Station: 97.7	720w	Terr 290'	2-9-54 8-9-54
Wire 3-19-54. Retel 18. Equip. test & followed by interim op. auth. accord BPH-1898 30 days					
WIRE RELET_20	Auth. extended to 6-25 conduct program tests accord BPH-1898 pending submission lic appl. - - -				
Wire	5-25-54	Authority extended 6-25-54 3.217 rules Program tests			
Wire	6-7-54	Program test authority extended to 7-7-54			
BALH-278 **	8-4-54	License to cover CP - - - - -			8-1-57
	Section 3.261 waive to permit sign off Sundays at 6:30 PM				
Letter	9-29-54	STA wave Sec. 3.261 sign off Sundays same time as WBUT (AM) to 3-31-55			
BALH-281 EFF: 8-10-57 TELEGRAM	7-11-57 PATRICK WBUT RADIO	Vol. assignment of license to J. BEACOM AND HAROLD W. CRITCHLOW d/b/as			
	7-31-57	Action on renewal deferred 7-25-57 and continued operation authorized until final determination on renewal applic.			
BRH-757	9-5-57	97.7	720w	Terr 290' U	9-5 8-1-60
BALH-344 EFF: 12-2-58	10-29-58	Voluntary assignment of license to J. Patrick Beacon, tr/as WBUT Radio.			
BALH-372 Eff: 6-22-59	6-17-59	Voluntary assignment of license to WBUT, Inc.			
	7-27-60 pending	Commission deferred action on renewal further consideration.			
BRH-757	2-1-61	97.7mcs.	720w	Un	2-1 8-1-63
BRH-757	7-31-63	Renewal of license			8-1 8-1-66
BTC-4523 Eff: 5-15-64	4-23-64	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corp. from Klon O. Row and James S. Beattie to J.P. Beacon and Larry M. Berg (50% each)			
BRH-757	9-29-66	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			9-29 8-1-69
BRH-757(B)	6-10-70	Renewal			8-1-72



Form BC 126 #2  
June 1954

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Station location BUTLER, PENNA.

Name of licensee .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....



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EBSA	5-22-72				
BRH-757(L)	7-31-72		RENEWAL		8-1-75
BTC-7203	8-29-73	VOL. ACQ. of positive TC			
CONTEL	9-25-73	Auth. Suspend oper. thru 10-21-73			
CONTEL	10-12-73	(For installation new transmitter)			
Mailgram	12-19-73	Trans: RCA-BTF-1E2 mod. with RCA-BTE-10-C exciter.			
BRH-757(L)	7-23-75	Trans: RCA-BTF-1E2 mod. with RCA-BTE-15-A exciter.			
BTC-8723	7/12/78	Renewal of License			
BRH-757(S)	7-12-78	Vol TC EFF: 7-11-78			
BRH-757(S)	7-12-78	Renewal of license			
EBSA	7-20-78				
BPH11084	5/30/79	97.7mhz ERP: 1.15kW (H&V) 5/30/80			
HAAT: 370 (L)	(H&V)	CP to chg TL & SL type ant. mke chgs in antenna system & HAAT.			
APPL.	8-23-79	Trans. may be operated by RC from Main SL at: 494 Sunset Drive, Butler, Pa.			
BLH-80021	AK 4-30-80	97.7 ERP: 1.15 kw 8-1-81			
		HAAT: 370 feet			
		License to cover (BPH-11084) for changes.			



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WBUT-FM

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

J. PATRICK BEACON AND HAROLD W. CRITCHLOW d/b/as

Call

Letters

Name

J. PATRICK BEACON

WBUT RADIO GR: 7-11-57 EFF:

403 2nd street, Fairmont, West Va.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-1898 Recd. & Filed	10-21-53 10-22-53	G. P. for a new FM B/c. station: Frequency: 97.7 mcs. Ch. 249 ERP: .720 kw T-L: 1 mi. S. of Butler County Court House City of Butler, Pennsylvania S-L: 109 E. Diamond Street, Butler, Pa. (WE FM-1 1 kw).	GRANTED	12-9-53
BLH- 978 Recd. Filed	5-22-54 5-27-54 6-28-54	License to cover the above Amendment recd. 6-28-54 specifying name, T-L: Renewal of license *See card #2	Held pending amend. re name. Ltr. 6-9-54 GRANTED 7-8-54 Rev. 4-9-57 re sig. GRANTED 9-5-57	8-4-54
BRH-757 Recd Resp'd Rec'd Filed	4-3-57 6-6-57 6-13-57 6-13-57			
BAH-281 Recd & filed	6-6-57 6-13-57	Vol. assignment of license to J. Patrick Beacon and Harold W. Critchlow, d/b/as WBUT RADIO.	GRANTED EFF:	7-11-57 8-10-57



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Call  
Letters WBUT-FMName J. J. PATRICK BEACOM AND HAROLD W. CRITCHLOW d/b as WBUT RADIO

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
Con'd from Page #1 BRH-757 Amended Rec'd Filed	8-22-57 8-26-57 8-26-57	Amended 8-26-57 to change name of applicant to J. Patrick Beacom and Harold W. Critchlow, d/b as WBUT Radio	Granted	9-5-57
BALH-344 Rec'd. Filed	10-15-58 10-21-58 10-21-58	Voluntary assignment of license to J. Patrick Beacom/tr/as WBUT Radio.	GRANTED EFF:	10-29-58 12-2-58
BALH-372 Rec'd. Filed	5-13-59 5-14-59 5-14-59	Voluntary assignment of license to WBUT, INC.  Harry G. Sells, Atty.	GRANTED Eff:	6-17-59 6-22-59
BRH-757 Rec'd Filed	5-2-60 5-2-60 5-2-60	Renewal of License.  Harry J. Daly, Atty.	GRANTED	2-1-61



Aug. 1955

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Call  
Letters WBUT-FM

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Name WBUT, INC.  
Butler, Penna.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-757 R & F	4-30-63 5-3-63	Renewal of license Atty. Samuel Miller	GRANTED	7-31-63
BTC-4523 R & F	3-12-64 3-12-64	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corp. from Klon O. Row and James S. Beattie to J. P. Beacom and Larry M. Berg (50% each)  Atty. - Robert V. Schnabel	GRANTED Eff:	4-23-64 5-15-64
BRH-757 R & F	5-2-66 5-2-66	Renewal of license	GRANTED	9-29-66
BRH-757 R & F 511644 \$75.00 PRESS	5-1-69 5-5-69 5-5-69	Renewal of license	GRANTED	6-10-70
BRH-757 R & F PN PRESS MAY 12 1972	4-29-72 5-3-72 5-3-72	Renewal of License	GRANTED	7-31-72



Form BC-121  
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

97.7mhz

Call  
Letters WBUT-FM

Name WBUT, INC.  
Butler, Penna.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-7204 R & F FEE PD: \$250 #517915 CODE 049 (Form 316) ALSO SEE AM JUL 2	7-9-73 7-11-73	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of lic corp by Larry M. Berg thru purchase of stock from J. Patrick Beacom	GRANTED EFF: 9-10-73	8-29-73
BRH-757 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	3-26-75 3-28-75 " APR 17 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-23-75
BTC-8623 R & F FORM 315 Also see WBUT (AM) PN filed	2/24/78 2/28/78 3/22/78	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Larry M. Berg and Guy A. Travaglio, Jr. to Brandon Communications Systems, Inc.	GRANTED EFF:	7/12/78 7-14-78



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97.7MHz

Call Letters **WLER**  
**x WBUT-FM**Name **WBUT, Inc.**  
**Butler, Pennsylvania**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH- 11084 Rec'd Filed PRESS:	3-6-78 3-30-78 3-30-78 <b>NOV 9 1978</b>	Construction permit to chg. TL & SL: 0.25 mi East of Township Road, off Palme (Center Twp), Pennsylvania; chg type ant(HARRIS FMC-3A, 3 sections (H&V); make chgs. in ant sys (incr hght); ERP: 1.16KW(H&V) and HAAT: 374' (H&V) MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION UNDER SECTION 40° 53' 51" 79° 53' 22" ATTY:----- ENGR: Roy Christen (Cleveland, Ohio)	GRANTED       1.1305	5/30/79
BRH-757 R & F PRESS	3-27-78 3-29-78 <b>MAY 1 1978</b>	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-12-78

302 2-11-80



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Name: WBUT, INC,

Station Location: BUTLER, PENNA.

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BLH-80021IAK PTA PRESS	APR 14 1980	License to cover (BPH-11084) for changes. Atty: None	GRANTED 4-30-80
BRH810402UA PRESSMAY 5 1981		Renewal of License	GRANTED 8-11-81



## About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). Prior to that move, the History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

